GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

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TRADE DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN INDIA AND BANGLADESH
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether any discussions have been held between India and Bangladesh to improve their trade relations during the recently held inter active session organized by the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII);

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the extent to which these discussions would help India to increase its export to Bangladesh and to make imports therefrom?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI S.B. MOOKHERJEE)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A business delegation from Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce and Industry (MCCI) from Bangladesh visited New Delhi during March 10-12, 2003 to participate in the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) - MCCI Joint Economic Council (JEC) meeting. The issues of concern to trade in both the countries were discussed.

(c) The discussion will help promote trade and economic co-operation between India and Bangladesh which cannot be quantified.